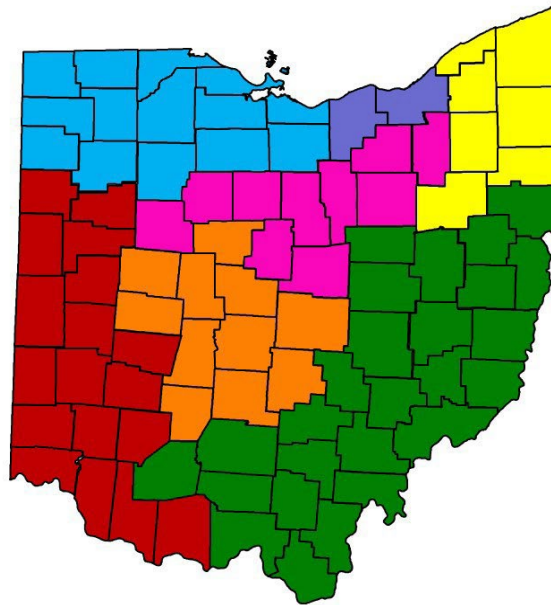

2024 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS)

Appropriations Guide



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Introduction

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) provides a unique opportunity to invest in critical community projects across Ohio. In accordance with Senate and Senate Appropriations Committee rules and guidance, Senator Brown invites applications for well-planned, ambitious, creative, and impactful projects that will improve the lives of Ohioans in the following areas: agriculture, rural development, commerce, justice, science, energy, water development, financial services, government, homeland security, labor, health, education, environment, military construction.

For-profit entities are not eligible to receive CDS. Applications may be submitted by nonprofit and public entities (e.g., private non-profit organization, public non-profit organization, state government, local government).

This guide details available resources for applicants, as well as the criteria, guidelines, and priorities required to submit a strong application.

Where does the Money Come From?

The Senate and House Appropriations Committees consider funding requests through 9 separate Subcommittees. Each subcommittee awards funding from specific accounts, distributed by agencies and offices across the federal government. Each account carries its own unique goals, objectives, and criteria for qualification. More information about these Subcommittees and accounts is below. CDS requests are capped at 1 percent of the total of the appropriations bill, and projects will have to be agreed upon between the House and the Senate before being included in a final bill.

How to Apply

CDS requests for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) must be submitted to Senator Brown's office via electronic application by 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

A specific list of accounts under which CDS requests will be supported can be found [here](#) and is presented in the rest of this document. CDS requests submitted under other accounts will not be accepted.

Each application should focus on one program or project that requests funding from one account. A single project cannot request funding from multiple accounts. If an applicant wants to request funding for multiple programs or projects, they should submit a separate application for each.

Note: Submitting a request to Senator Brown's office does not guarantee that it will be submitted to the Appropriations Committee or fulfilled.

What Does a Strong Application Look Like?

Strong applications will showcase how the proposed program or project:

- meets the technical requirements of the chosen subcommittee (more details below);
- tackles a clear need or problem in Ohio;
- will have concrete, measurable impact on individuals and/or communities in Ohio;
- has a clear and well-justified budget and timeline for planning, development, and implementation;
- is supported by the local community (applicants must include at least 2 letters of support); and
- will be overseen by an organization that has the staff and resources to maximize success.

Be Targeted The more targeted a CDS request is, the better. The more support from the local community, the better. As a reminder, applicants must submit at least two Letters of Support with each CDS application.

The application includes specific questions that address each of the above points. When preparing your answers, please be sure to provide all the requested information and adhere to the word limits. You do not need to provide additional information that is not requested in the question.

Be Thorough Applicants should ensure they start an application in the online portal with plenty of time to prepare, revise, and submit a complete proposal. Applicants can begin an application, save it, and return to add/edit at a later date. While applicants can take the time to build their applications over multiple sessions, final submissions are due no later than 11:59pm EST on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Letters of support must also be submitted by this deadline.

Be Fiscally Responsible CDS requests are capped at 1 percent of the appropriations bill. This means that, as appropriators consider CDS requests, they have to make tough decisions between competing priorities. Enacting a several million-dollar CDS item comes at the cost of several smaller CDS requests that could impact more people or a larger number of geographic areas.

Be Timely CDS requests for projects that will take place in the future (after FY24) may not be considered as high of a priority compared to requests for FY24. Project applications for future years should be submitted for future year's CDS funding opportunities.

Looking for examples? Please find a list of CDS requests that Senator Brown submitted to the Appropriations Committee in 2022 and 2023 [here](#), a list of CDS requests that were selected for inclusion in the final FY22 omnibus bill and have received funding [here](#), and a list of CDS requests that were selected for inclusion in the final FY23 omnibus bill and will receive funding [here](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

What subcommittee and account should I select for my project application?

Please see a description of accounts eligible for CDS listed below, beginning on page 4.

I submitted my application(s). What follow-up should I expect from Senator Brown's office?

Assuming your application was complete and you provided all of the requested information, it is unlikely that our office will follow up with you until Senator Brown submits his requests to the appropriations committee. If our office has questions about your request or needs additional information, we will reach out to you directly using the primary and/or secondary contact information you provide in your application.

Due to the high volume of appropriations requests our office receives, we are unable to follow-up with every applicant to confirm whether or not their request was submitted. We are also unable to meet to discuss every project proposal submitted. As a reminder, submitting appropriations requests to Senator Brown's office does not guarantee that a request will be submitted or fulfilled.

Can I submit a joint CDS request on behalf of a group of Ohio organizations?

Yes. Senator Brown welcomes joint and group CDS requests. If your organization is interested in submitting a CDS request jointly with another organization or as part of a group of organizations, please decide on a primary and secondary contact for your group request and submit their names and contact information in the application. There is a space in the application for you to provide additional background on the relationship between the organizations and discuss the group request in more detail. As a reminder, CDS requests will not be accepted from for-profit entities.

I submitted a similar CDS request to my Congressional Representative. Can I submit the same request to you? Does that help my chances?

Your choice. About half of CDS requests will be from the House and half from the Senate. There is a question in the application where applicants can denote whether they have already submitted the same request to another office so our office can coordinate with our House counterparts. Please note that for FY24 the House will not be accepting LHHS CDS requests.

The Subcommittees and Individual Accounts Accepting CDS requests for FY24

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Subcommittee

Agriculture Research Service Building and Facilities (ARS B&F) Account

Requests for ARS B&F may only include funding for existing facilities or facilities where funding has been provided in the past.

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/>

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) Account

The Account is accepting proposals related to Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests; Pest Detection; Plant Protection Methods Development; Specialty Crop Pests; Tree & Wood Pests; Wildlife Damage Management; Veterinary Diagnostics; Equine, Cervid and Small Ruminant Health. All applications must meet applicable environmental review (i.e. NEPA and ESA) requirements; some APHIS programs have matching requirements.

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/ppa-ppdmdpp>

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Account

The Account is accepting proposals to help units of federal, state, local and tribal of government (project sponsors) protect and restore watersheds up to 250,000 acres.

20% or more total benefits of a proposed project must directly relate to agriculture, including rural communities. Applicants must certify that they have contacted the NRCS state office and the proposal meets all program requirements, including financial requirements, under the account.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wfpo/>

Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants Account

The Account is accepting proposals to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America. These amenities help increase the competitiveness of rural communities in attracting and retaining businesses that provide employment and services for their residents.

The following criteria **MUST** be met prior to a CDS request being approved*:

The Community Facilities account has a match requirement on a sliding scale based on community population size and median income. Towns with populations greater than 20,000

are not eligible for this program. For those towns that are eligible, the account will fund up to 75% of total project costs with a match requirement based on both area median income and population as follows:

- Max 75% if: Population of 5,000 or fewer
- Max 55% if: Population of 12,000 or fewer
- Max 35% if: Population of 20,000 or fewer

This program is subject to the Build America Buy America Act requirements which will apply to the total project cost, not just the federal cost-share portion.

***In order to determine whether a project is eligible, the applicant is required to reach out to the State RD office.** Contact information for the Ohio Rural Development Office can be found here: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contactpage/ohio-contacts>.

Match requirements are outlined at [7 CFR 3570.63\(b\)](#). In general, matching funds must come from a non-Federal source.

Successful applications will include a description of the intended use of funds, (see a list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations [here](#)), the requested CDS dollar amount and total cost of the project, and the service area/beneficiaries. Applicants must also meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA).

Funding for the following activities will **not** be considered:

- Reimbursement for projects already constructed/acquired or that will have been constructed/acquired by bill passage;
- Payment for initial operating expenses or recurring annual costs;
- Funding for facilities used primarily for recreation purposes;
- Funding for facilities primarily for business entrepreneur purposes.

Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine & Broad Band Program (DLT) Grants Account

The Account is accepting proposals to help rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Please click [here](#) for a full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations for this account.

Flat 15% match (Matching funds cannot come from another federal source) required. The award floor is \$50,000 and the award ceiling for FY23 is \$1,000,000.

Funding for broadband deployment will not be considered.

Examples of Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/agriculture2023>

Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS) External Projects Account

The Account is accepting proposals to address standards related research and technology development.

Construction projects will not be accepted.

Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Construction and Research Facilities Account

The Account is accepting proposals for non-Federal research facilities, including for projects at research institutions and colleges and universities. Given the significant investments necessary for construction projects, only a very limited number of projects will be supported from this account. **Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects Account**

The Account is accepting proposals to address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather and atmospheric research and programs.

Construction projects will not be accepted.

Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary Account

The Account is accepting proposals that provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for critical justice systems. To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements.

This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedojoj/overview>

Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Account; Law Enforcement Technology Account

The Account is accepting proposals for the COPS Law Enforcement Technology projects for the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime.

Projects must be eligible under the [COPS Office requirements](#), and can include the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime.

Applicants should not specify brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition, and are cautioned against requests for vehicles and vessels that carry with them high maintenance costs at the conclusion of the grant. Agencies should consider the full range of potential legal, constitutional and civil liberties and privacy implications associated with generating, acquiring or using technology or data.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Safety, Security, and Mission Support Account

The Account is accepting proposals that focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Medical research projects, Space Grant projects (which require a funding match) and projects at NASA-owned visitor Centers are discouraged.

Construction projects will not be funded, but this account can be used for equipment, research funding or education programs.

Examples of Commerce, Justice and Finance proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/cjs2023>

Energy & Water Development Subcommittee

United States Army Corps of Engineers: Investigations Account

The Army Civil Works program includes funds for the planning, design, construction, and operation and maintenance of water resources projects, with a focus on the highest performing work within the three main Civil Works mission areas: commercial navigation, flood and storm damage reduction, and aquatic ecosystem restoration. It also funds programs that contribute to the protection of the nation's waters and wetlands; the generation of low-cost renewable hydropower; the restoration of certain sites contaminated as a result of the nation's early atomic weapons development program; and emergency preparedness and training to respond to natural disasters.

Only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding.

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): Construction Account

The Army Corp. Engineering and Construction Office provides staff support and directs the technical aspects of engineering, construction management, environmental protection and restoration, operations, maintenance and repair activities of USACE missions worldwide.

Only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding.

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Engineering-and-Construction/>

United States Army Corps of Engineers: Operation & Maintenance Account

The Account is accepting proposals in planning, engineering design and construction management, environmental services, and technical assistance related to water, natural resources, buildings, and infrastructure.

Only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding.

<https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/Operations-Maintenance/>

The Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources Account

The Account is accepting proposals to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

Only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding.

<https://www.usbr.gov/>

The Department of Energy*, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Account

The Account is accepting proposals to accelerate the research, development, demonstration, and deployment of technologies and solutions to equitably transition America to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide by no later than 2050, and ensure the clean energy economy benefits all Americans, creating good paying jobs for the American people—especially workers and communities impacted by the energy transition and those historically underserved by the energy system and overburdened by pollution.

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/office-energy-efficiency-renewable-energy>

The Department of Energy*, Office of Electricity (OE) Electricity and Energy Resilience Account

The Account is accepting proposals to ensure that the Nation’s energy delivery system is secure, resilient and reliable. The office includes three divisions that work closely with the private and public sectors to make sure the nation’s critical energy infrastructure is able to recover rapidly from disruptions – Advanced Grid Research and Development, Electricity Delivery, and Electricity Delivery Cybersecurity Research and Development.

Electric vehicle charging projects will not be funded, unless the project is connected to larger clean energy sources (like a battery) or has clean energy applications beyond the charging station.

Cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

<https://www.energy.gov/oe/office-electricity>

The Department of Energy*, Office of Cyber Security, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) Account

The Account is accepting proposals to enhance the security of U.S. critical energy infrastructure to all hazards, mitigate the impacts of disruptive events and risk to the sector overall through preparedness and innovation, and respond to and facilitate recovery from energy disruptions in collaboration with other Federal agencies, the private sector, and State, local, tribal, and territory governments.

Construction of new buildings or facilities will not be funded.

Cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

<https://www.energy.gov/ceser/office-cybersecurity-energy-security-and-emergency-response>

The Department of Energy*, Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) Account

The Account is accepting proposals to advance nuclear energy science and technology to meet U.S. energy, environmental, and economic needs.

Cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

<https://www.energy.gov/ne/office-nuclear-energy>

The Department of Energy*, Office of Fossil Energy (FE) Account

The Account is accepting proposals for research, development, and demonstration efforts on advancing technologies to meet our climate goals and minimize the environmental impacts of fossil fuel use, including low carbon power generation and low carbon supply chains; carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies; methane emissions reductions; critical mineral productions; and carbon dioxide removal.

Cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

<https://www.energy.gov/fecm/office-fossil-energy-and-carbon-management>

***NOTE: Statutory cost sharing requirements apply to projects funded under the above 5 accounts within the Department of Energy. See below for details on how these cost sharing requirements will apply to Department of Energy (DOE) funded CDS requests.**

Statutory cost sharing requirements are typically applicable to DOE Projects awarded under financial assistance instruments (grants and cooperative agreements under EPCA 2005, §988). The amount of required cost sharing depends on the scope and technological maturity of the project:

Categories:

- Research and development projects - minimum 20% cost share
- Demonstration or commercial projects - minimum 50% cost share
- Outreach and educational projects - no minimum cost share
- Fundamental science projects - no minimum cost share

Some projects may contain elements of more than one of the categories shown above. Therefore, some projects may have a blended cost share.

DOE financial assistance actions are also subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, at 2 CFR Part 200, as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.

How Cost Sharing Is Calculated

As stated above, cost sharing is calculated as a percentage of the Total Project Cost. Following is an example of how to calculate cost sharing amounts for a project with \$1,000,000 in federal funds with a minimum 20% non-federal cost sharing requirement:

Formula: Federal share (\$) divided by Federal share (%) = Total Project Cost Example:
\$1,000,000 divided by 80% = \$1,250,000

Formula: Total Project Cost (\$) minus Federal share (\$) = Non-federal share (\$)
Example: \$1,250,000 minus \$1,000,000 = \$250,000

Formula: Non-federal share (\$) divided by Total Project Cost (\$) = Non-federal share (%) Example: \$250,000 divided by \$1,250,000 = 20%. Below is a sample cost share calculation for a blended cost share percentage:

Following example shows the math for calculating required cost share for a project with \$2,000,000 in Federal funds with four tasks requiring different Non-federal cost share percentages:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Proposed Federal Share</u>	<u>Federal Share %</u>	<u>Required Non-federal Cost Share %</u>
Task 1 (R&D)	\$1,000,000	80%	20%
Task 2 (R&D)	500,000	80%	20%
Task 3 (Demonstration)	400,000	50%	50%
Task 4 (Outreach)	100,000	100%	0%
	<u>\$2,000,000</u>		

Federal share (\$) divided by Federal share (%) = Task Cost. Each task must be calculated individually as follows:

Task 1 \$1,000,000 divided by 80% = \$1,250,000 (Task 1 Cost)

Task 1 Cost minus federal share = Non-federal share \$1,250,000 - \$1,000,000 = \$250,000 (Non-federal share)

Task 2 \$500,000 divided 80% = \$625,000 (Task 2 Cost)

Task 2 Cost minus federal share = Non-federal share
\$625,000 - \$500,000 = \$125,000 (Non-federal share)

Task 3 \$400,000 / 50% = \$800,000 (Task 3 Cost)

Task 3 Cost minus federal share = Non-federal share
\$800,000 - \$400,000 = \$400,000 (Non-federal share)

Task 4

Federal share = \$100,000

Non-federal cost share is not mandated for outreach = \$0 (Non-federal share)

The calculation may then be completed as follows:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Proposed Federal Share</u>	<u>Federal Share %</u>	<u>Required Non-federal Cost Share \$</u>	<u>Required Non-federal Cost Share %</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
Task 1	\$1,000,000	80%	\$250,000	20%	\$1,250,000
Task 2	500,000	80%	125,000	20%	625,000
Task 3	400,000	50%	400,000	50%	800,000
Task 4	<u>100,000</u>	100%	<u>0</u>	0%	<u>100,000</u>
	\$2,000,000		\$775,000		\$2,775,000

Blended Cost Share %

Non-federal share (\$775,000) divided by Total Project Cost(\$2,775,000) = 27.9% (Non-federal)
Federal share (\$2,000,000) divided by Total Project Cost (\$2,775,000) = 72.1% (Federal)

Examples of Energy and Water Development proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/energy2023>

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

Small Business Administration Account

This account is accepting proposals in support of small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. Please note: SBA CDS funding cannot be used to provide seed capital for small businesses nor can it be used by the CDS recipient to make grants/loans.

The National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission Account

The Account is accepting proposals to support a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources, created in every medium ranging from quill pen to computer, relating to the history of the United States.

<https://www.archives.gov/nhprc>

The National Archives and Records Administration, Repair and Restoration Account

The Account is accepting proposals to support a wide range of activities for the repair, alteration, and improvement of archives and facilities, and to provide adequate storage for holdings

<https://www.archives.gov/>

General Services Administration, Federal Building Fund (FBF), Construction and Acquisition Account

Construction projects typically include federal courthouses, federal buildings, or land ports-of-entry. Repairs projects must be federally-owned properties in need of repair or alteration and are typically federal buildings or federal courthouses. Programmatic requests are limited to projects with line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration in the FY24 GSA budget request. Please note: Eligible projects do not include state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, or transportation infrastructure facilities. The recently-enacted Infrastructure legislation [IIJA] provided funding to complete all land ports-of-entry projects on GSA planning lists.

<https://www.gsa.gov/reference/reports/budget-performance/annual-reports/2019-agency-financial-report/managements-discussion-and-analysis/financial-statements-summary-and-analysis/federal-buildings-fund>

Examples of Financial Services and Government proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/fsgg2023>

Homeland Security Subcommittee

Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects Account

The Account is accepting proposals for mitigation measures that reduce disaster losses.

Projects must meet eligibility of Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant program, including the cost-share requirement, benefit cost ratio, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Full requirements can be found in the fiscal year 2022 NOFO for the “[Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program](#)”.

All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program Account

The Account is accepting proposals to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs.

Projects must meet eligibility of the Emergency Operations Center Grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Full requirements can be found in the fiscal year 2022 NOFO for the “[Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program](#)”.

All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state administrative agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

Examples of Homeland Security proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:
<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/homelandsecurity2023>

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Account

The Account is only accepting proposals related to existing funding categories and activities within the STAG account that will result in improvements in environmental quality and/or human health. Projects for water infrastructure CDS grants to fund local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects within the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Resolving Fund are eligible under this account. Projects to construct or make modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants are eligible.

Local and/or municipal projects included on a state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) are eligible for funding. In exceptional circumstances, projects that are eligible for funding under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines but are not on the state IUP list, may be considered.

There is a minimum of 20% cost sharing requirement for any state or local water infrastructure grant funded through CDS. Only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by the State Revolving Loan Fund can be applied toward a project's matching requirement.

Successful project proposals will:

- Detail the project purpose (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection);
- Provide details on how the project will help the applicant meet applicable water standards;
- Provide the total estimated cost of the project, based on a facilities plan or preliminary engineering report, as well as the amount of CDS requested;
- Provide a list of other federal funding approved for the project;
- List any non-federal sources of funding for the project.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities Account

The Account is accepting proposals for high priority lines of research related to environmental quality and human health.

<https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/research-funding-opportunities>

The National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund Account

The Account is accepting proposals for surveys and repair of historic resources, training, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, and grants to local jurisdictions for their preservation priorities.

Applicants must be eligible for [one of the competitive grant funding opportunities](#) within the Historic Preservation fund (HPF) and must comply with [audit requirements](#). Please note that the acquisitions of collections or historic properties are not eligible under the HPF.

Acquisitions of collections or historic properties will not be funded.

The maximum project amount is \$500,000.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/Historic-Preservation-Fund.htm>

The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information Analysis Account

The Account is accepting proposals to provide technical and financial assistance to non-federal forest landowners, including state, Tribal, and local governments, to help sustain the nation's forests and grasslands, protect communities from wildland fire and restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

Projects must meet USFS eligibility requirements for the appropriate grant program and be a part of the state's Forest Action Plan (or contribute to meeting the goals of the Forest Action Plan).

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/state-private-forestry>

The Department of the Interior, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Great American Outdoors Act

The Account is accepting proposals for projects that safeguard natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, or provide recreation opportunities to Americans.

<https://www.doi.gov/lwcf>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Land Acquisition

The Account is accepting proposals for funding to acquire lands that support specific conservation, recreation, and related projects that enhance management of and public access to existing public land and resources.

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/purchases-and-acquisitions>

Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS), Land Acquisition

The Account is accepting proposals for funds to acquire lands and waters that meet the following conservation priorities: 1) recovery of the threatened and endangered species where land acquisition is required by the recovery plan; 2) implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; and 3) conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern.

<https://www.fws.gov/program/land-acquisition-and-realty>

National Park Service (NPS), Land Acquisition

The Account is accepting proposals for funding to acquire lands, waters, and interests therein necessary to achieve the natural, cultural, wildlife, and recreation management objectives of NPS. LWCF monies appropriated for use by the [Land Resources Program](#) of the NPS may only be used to acquire lands within the boundaries of National Park System units.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/federalside.htm>

Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF), Great American Outdoors Act

The Account is accepting proposals for projects that reduce or eliminate deferred maintenance on our nation's public lands and at schools managed by the Bureau of Indian Education.

National Park Service (NPS)

The Account is accepting proposal to address extensive and long overdue maintenance needs. Priority given to roads, trails, restrooms, water treatment systems, and visitor facilities.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/infrastructure/legacy-restoration-fund.htm>

Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

The Account is accepting proposals to repair and maintain facilities including visitor centers, roads, trails and other critical infrastructure. Priority given to projects that reduce the maintenance backlog at national wildlife refuges.

<https://www.fws.gov/initiative/protecting-wildlife/great-american-outdoors-act>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

The Account is accepting proposals for practical maintenance repairs and projects related to climate resiliency, preventing resource threats, advancing clean energy solutions, benefitting underserved communities, creating opportunities for youth and job corps programs, and, contributing to the improvement of the economy through good paying jobs.

<https://www.blm.gov/about/laws-and-regulations/infrastructure/great-american-outdoors-act>

United State Forest Service

The Account is accepting proposals for conservation program to encourage the protection of privately-owned forest lands through conservation easements or land purchases.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/forest-legacy>

Land Management Agencies, Local Projects and Research Account

Bureau of Land Management, Management of Land and Resources, Habitat Management Priorities

The Account is accepting proposals for activities related to wildlife and aquatic habitat management.

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife/about>

National Park Service, National Recreation and Preservation, Statutory and Contractual Aid

The Account is accepting proposals for activities relating to operating, managing, and preserving resources, as authorized by law.

Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Resource Management, Stewardship Priorities

The Account is accepting proposals for fish and aquatic conservation, habitat conservation, recovery, and restoration activities.

<https://www.fws.gov/program/fish-and-aquatic-conservation>

United States Geological Survey (USGS), Surveys Investigations and Research, Status and Trends

The Account is accepting proposals for high priority and core science research, and ecosystem and water resources related activities. In order for requests to be considered within this category, they must be relevant to the specified mission area and contribute to responsible stewardship of land, wildlife, and recreation resources or contribute to priority research areas that inform stewardship of those resources. Proposed projects should contribute to local, state, and federal efforts to benefit species, habitat, and/or enhanced stewardship of land and water resources

<https://www.usgs.gov/programs/status-and-trends-program>

Examples of Interior and Environment proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/interior2023>

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration- Training and Employment Services Account

The Account is accepting workforce development proposals that include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities, demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the State or local workforce investment system, and include an evaluation component. Typical activities include training unemployed individuals to increase their skills and obtain employment and enhancing the skills of incumbent workers to get higher-paying jobs. These could include career services, training services (including work-based training), supportive services, and other permissible services, as they are defined in WIOA.¹

Equipment purchases may be included within congressionally directed funding only as an incidental part of the entire project. A similar standard applies to curriculum development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct services to individuals. CDS requests should include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific activities to achieve the project's goals.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities or the purchase of land or buildings, and ETA CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration – Program Management Account

Health Facilities Construction and Equipment: The Account is accepting projects that address the cost of limited-scope construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals, health centers, and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing, or other health professions; and medical research laboratories.

In addition to construction and renovation, funding can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment or x-ray machines. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants not involving construction—are permissible. Generally, any equipment having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of at least \$5,000 will be eligible as capital equipment.

In addition, equipment with lower costs may also be eligible, provided that it is treated as an item of capital expense under the recipient institution's pre-existing, written accounting policies. Equipment expenses for health information systems and electronic medical records systems are permitted expenditures. The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.

¹ Generally these are defined in 20 CFR § 678.430, 20 CFR § 680.200, and 20 CFR § 680.900.

HRSA Health Facilities funding cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating costs. Funding cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. CDS can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project, but cannot be used for general feasibility studies.

Rural Health: The Account is accepting CDS requests for projects to improve health care in rural areas. Examples of eligible activities include medical, dental, or mental health care services; health promotion and education; chronic disease management; telehealth services; and improvements to emergency medical services.

CDS funds can be used for services only in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html>. Applicants must include the address of the project's activities in the Project Detail, if different than the legal entity recipient address, for purposes of determining project eligibility.

HRSA CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Health Surveillance and Program Support Account

The Account is accepting proposals addressing mental health, substance Abuse treatment and prevention.

Mental Health

Funding to support programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services.

Substance Abuse Treatment

Funding to support programs that improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services.

Substance Abuse Prevention

Funding to support programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use.

Funds may not be used for construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project), and SAMSHA CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.. In addition, General Provisions in statute prohibit funds for projects that distribute sterile needles or syringes for I.V. drug injection, or those that promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.

Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families – Children and Family Services Programs Account

The Account is accepting proposals to address child abuse prevention and social service research and demonstration projects.

Project requests submitted through the account must fall under one of the following categories:

Child Abuse Prevention

Project requests should improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target abused and/or neglected children and their families.

Social Services Research and Demonstration

Project requests should promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency, and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population including: low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

Funds may not be used for construction or renovation of facilities, and ACF CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Community Living – Aging and Disability Services Programs Account

The Account is accepting proposals to improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Projects should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Funds may not be used for construction or renovation of facilities, and ACL CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

Department of Education – Innovation and Improvement – Fund for the Improvement of Education Account (FIE)

The Account is accepting project requests for elementary and secondary education projects, to provide or improve special education services at the elementary and secondary level. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education CDS requests should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services. CDS requests to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible under this heading. These CDS requests may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services.

Eligible grantees include: state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities. Generally, funding intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school.

Funds may not be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible.

Department of Education – Higher Education – Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Account (FIPSE)

The Account is accepting proposals for projects that focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. This can include a range of activities as authorized and specified in section 741(a) of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1138(a)). CDS recipients are usually colleges and universities, but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

Examples of the types of projects that can be funded under FIPSE include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology, provide student support, and implement university partnerships with school districts. Funds may not be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.

Examples of Labor, Health and Human Service and Education proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/lhhs2023>

Military Construction, Veteran Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

The Account is accepting proposal of major construction, unspecified minor military construction, and planning and design.

Funding for Department of Veteran Affairs and Related agencies is not eligible for CDS.

Military Construction, Army Account

Military Construction, Navy Marine Corp. Account

Military Construction, Air Force Account

Military Construction, Defense-Wide Account

Military Construction, Army National Guard Account

Military Construction, Army Reserve Account

Military Construction, Navy Reserve Account

Military Construction, Air Force Reserve Account

Future Years Defense Program (FYDP) Account

Each military department, to include the guard and reserve, as well as defense-wide agencies, plans its major military construction program five years into the future. FYDPs identify these future planned projects, which are candidates for CDS requests.

Unfunded Requirements/Priorities Lists (UFR/UPL) Account

In addition to the annual budget request and as required by law, each military department submits to the congressional defense committees a document identifying unfunded priorities that would be funded if additional appropriations were provided.

Cost to Complete (CTC) Account

Variables such as construction market conditions can affect cost estimating throughout the military construction programming process, and as such, DOD can experience cost increases that cannot be sufficiently covered by available appropriated funding. In these cases, the military departments submit a list of projects separate from the budget request that have received an authorization and appropriation, but require additional funding to be completed.

Examples of Military Construction and Veteran Affairs proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/milconva2023>

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Transportation Planning, Research and Development (TPR&D) Account for transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49 USC.

The Account is accepting proposals for transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49 of United States Code.

Grant in Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP) Account for Airport Capital projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, USC.

The Account is accepting proposals for airport capital projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code. Applicants are required to provide:

- the status of the planning and environmental work to help assess the readiness of the project;
- a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project;
- a link to the master plan that includes the requested project; and
- total cost of the project and select the airport name (see NPIAS for airport names).

Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Account for Highway capital projects eligible under title 23, USC.

The Account is accepting projects for highway capital projects eligible under title 23, United States Code. Applicants are required to provide:

- the status of the planning and environmental work to help assess the readiness of the project;
- a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project;
- a link to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) that includes the requested project or a letter from ODOT or the applicable MPO stating that the project will be added to the STIP or TIP, if funding is received; and
- total cost of the project, which should be consistent with the total cost of the project in the STIP or TIP.

Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG) Account for transit projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 USC.

The Account is accepting proposals for transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49 of United States Code. Applicants are required to provide:

- the status of the planning and environmental work to help assess the readiness of the project;
- a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project;
- a link to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) that includes the requested project or a letter from a transit agency, ODOT or the applicable MPO stating that the project will be added to the STIP or TIP, if funding is received;
- total cost of the project, which should be consistent with the total cost of the project in the STIP or TIP; and
- the name of the recipient or subrecipient transit agency.

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants Account, for rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, USC.

The Account is accepting proposals for rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code. Applicants are required to provide:

- the status of the planning and environmental work to help assess the readiness of the project;
- description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project;
- a link to the State Rail Plan that includes the requested project; and
- total cost of the project, which should be consistent with the total cost of the project in the State Rail Plan.

Community Development Fund Account within the line item Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) for economic development projects eligible under chapter 69 of title 42, USC or affordable housing construction.

The Account, which is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is accepting proposals for economic development initiatives eligible under chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code. Applicants are required to provide:

- the current status of the project;
- a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project;
- the status of the planning and environmental review work;
- relevant data on how activities or projects (1) benefit low- and moderate-income

persons or communities; (2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or (3) address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

- a link to the project website if available or a link to the HUD five-year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan if the project is included or complements planned or current projects within these required plans; and
- total cost of the project.

NOTE: HUD funding recipients will be subject to requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), HUD's NEPA-implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 50 or 24 CFR Part 58, and all appropriate federal environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and Executive Orders, as applicable. More information can be found on HUD's EDI landing page: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/edi-grants.

Examples of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development proposals submitted by Senator Brown in FY23:

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/appropriations/cdsrequests/thud2023>